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Michigan State Senate
RE: Senate Bill #612



Dear **Senator** _____,

I am writing you today due to my startling appraisal of Senate Bill 612 having been drafted & introduced without our school's knowledge or support. I became aware of the bill's existence **yesterday!** Our school was contacted by 2 of the other barber schools in Michigan, expressing their **surprise** concerning the existence of the bill and no prior show of support for this reduction.

The Flint Institute of Barbering & the Genesee Barber's Association are **strongly OPPOSED** to lowering the State of Michigan Barber Law clock hour requirement of 2000 hours, which has been proven and in place for **50 YEARS!**

I come from a family deeply rooted in Barbering. My Grandfather started the school in 1925 & my father was a barber instructor & school owner for over 30 years. I value **barbers'** opinion highly and when I have asked if the 2000 hour requirement is correct, I have been told it has been proven, tested and appropriate. Do not change it!

I was appalled to read on Senator Hopgood's web page that "Michigan's licensed barber **colleges** have expressed **support** for returning our state requirement back to 1800 hours." To my knowledge this is a false statement.

I cannot imagine a legislator deciding that they would subject our entire state's barbers to a devaluing of their respected occupation, without researching, interacting with barbers & barber schools, based upon **one** person not meeting our State's standards!

As outraged as I was yesterday hearing about this bill, I wonder how the **entire State of Michigan LICENSED BARBERS** will feel about this once they are informed of legislators diminishing their profession and lowering their standards without **THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT!**

For these reasons, I respectfully request you please **discontinue** pursuance of Bill 612.

Sincerely,

Martha A. Poulos
President

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